



Goodwin Elementary Announcements & Events

Notices for 12/04/15

- ***Good News from Goodwin December Newsletter***
- ***3rd Annual Winter Welcome Saturday, December 5th 1:00-5:00PM. Presented by The Mansfield Downtown Partnership***
- ***Volunteers Needed for the Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon Thursday, December 17th***

- ***Cold Weather Recess Attire for Students***
- ***New! Open Mansfield Website Information***
- ***Invitation to Participate in Speak Up 2015***

Good News from Goodwin

ISSUE 3

DECEMBER 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year as a Blue Ribbon School, I will continue to highlight the accomplishments and events of our school in each newsletter. There are so many wonderful things that have continued to happen at Goodwin that I can share with you this month.

- ☼ Mrs. Pagoni and I were able to travel to Washington, DC to accept our award, flag and banner for the National Blue Ribbon Award. We spent November 10th and 11th hearing various inspirational speakers, interacting with other Blue Ribbon Schools throughout the US and finally receiving our award where we danced across the stage and accepted on behalf of the Goodwin School. The staff have made plans to continue our celebration throughout the year.
- ☼ Mrs. Pagoni and Mrs. Geary were presenters at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) conference in Minneapolis, MN with Dr. Doug Kaufman from UCONN. Their workshop was titled *Whole School Literacy: How to Create a Program in Which All Teachers, Administrators, and Staff Share Their Reading and Writing Lives with Children*.
- ☼ Once again, our PTO has outdone themselves with the well attended Harvest Fair. Our own custodians, Jodi and Lisa dressed up and handed out goodies as well! Thank you to all who made this happen on Halloween for our children.
- ☼ The Heritage Potluck was so well attended and the foods from around the world were delicious. There were close to 200 people who participated and the conversations were warm and welcoming to all. Our Superintendent, Kelly Lyman attended as well. This was a great undertaking by our own Enrichment teacher, Nancy Titchen and the PTO.
- ☼ The following day, we had our annual Thanksgiving Feast with all students and staff being served a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal. The food was delicious and made lovingly by our food service staff, Linda Spencer and Judy Campbell. Parents came and served over 250 students and staff inside of one hour. Thank you as well to Goodwin's Cheryl Courteau who worked hard to decorate and organize the set up of our dinner tables.
- ☼ Finally, Cheryl Courteau who has been with Goodwin for seven years has retired effective the end of November. She is a great lost to our school but we wish her well in this new chapter of her life.

May you have a wonderful time with your family over this winter break and enjoy the time, laughter, love and space to enjoy one another that is so rare in today's world.

Warmly,

Susan

Upcoming Events For December

- Dec. 17—Town Meeting 2:30
- Dec. 17—Yoga Night 7-8:00
- Dec. 24—Jan 3—no school, winter break
- RECESS—Please be sure your child has warm outerwear. Your child needs snow pants, boots, gloves, hat and a winter coat to sled and play in the snow.
- FLU SYMPTOMS—early onset of exhaustion and fever of 100, headache, coughing and body aches. Symptoms can last 4-7 days. Fatigue can last longer.

Students with Flu symptoms are contagious and need to be symptom free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol, Advil or cold/flu medicine before returning to school.

Children need to be 24 hour symptom free from stomach virus'. Vomiting, diarrhea, nausea and stomach cramps are symptoms of a stomach virus.



3RD ANNUAL WINTER WELCOME

Saturday, Dec 5

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Mansfield Town Square

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Strolling carolers and musicians

Treats & specials at participating downtown businesses

Storrs Regional FFA Christmas Tree Sale at E. O. Smith High School

Ice sculptures and kettle corn on the Town Square

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Wreath-making with The Flower Pot on the Town Square

\$25 per wreath/Pre-registration requested; Email storrsflowerpot@aol.com

2:00 PM

Look for the Mt. Dairy Milk Truck traveling on Storrs Road
from Town Hall to Storrs Center with a special guest!

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Visit Santa Claus at the UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center

4:00 PM

E. O. Smith High School Chamber Singers Performance and
Community Sing-along on the Town Square

Presented by the **MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC**



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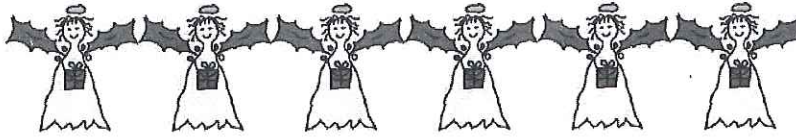


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Volunteers Needed! Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon



The PTO is hosting Goodwin's Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon on **Thursday, December 17th** and we need your help. We're looking for volunteers to lend a hand with:

- * **Making a main entrée** (e.g. dish of macaroni, casserole)
- * **Baking a dessert or making a side dish** (e.g. cookies, salad)
- * **Bringing in a beverage** (e.g. bottled water, soda)

Please indicate below how you can help on the 17th and return the bottom of this flyer to your child's teacher or email Julie Klimkiewicz at julesklim@hotmail.com by **Monday, December 14th**. Thanks so much for your help in making this year's luncheon a success!

Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon

Name _____

Phone number/email address _____

___ Yes, I will make a main entrée. My entrée choice is:

___ Yes, I will make a dessert or a side dish. My choice is:

___ Yes, I can bring in a beverage. I will supply:



RECESS FOR STUDENTS

The winter season is approaching and we will be experiencing colder outdoor weather.

Please remember that all students will be going outside for a 30 minute recess every day. Outdoor recess will be held with temperatures at 15 degrees or above with wind chill.

It is important that your child brings a coat, hat and gloves/mittens from home to wear outside for recess.

Open Mansfield

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to pay for Mansfield's expenses?

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transparency website for Mansfield!

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Town of Mansfield / Mansfield Public Schools

PARENTS, YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPEAK UP 2015

Dear Susan D. P. Muirhead,

Congratulations on your school's recent recognition as a 2015 Blue Ribbon School! It is truly inspiring to see successful schools such as yours being recognized for the hard work of students, staff, families and the community, in reaching high levels of student achievement. Because of your school's commitment to high levels of student achievement, I am emailing you today to invite your school to participate in [Speak Up 2015](#) and to give you background on the national research project.

Since 2003, over 4 million K-12 education stakeholders have participated in the annual online Speak Up surveys, which collect and report on the views of students, educators, parents, and the local community. As a national nonprofit dedicated to improving learning experiences for students, Project Tomorrow ([tomorrow.org](#)) is pleased to leverage our expertise in collecting authentic stakeholder feedback to provide this important **free service** to your school to assist with your planning needs.

Why should you and your school "Speak Up"? By encouraging participation in Speak Up you will have the unique opportunity to have your views—as well as the views of your educators, students, their parents and the local community—included in the increasingly important U.S. national and state discussions on digital learning policies, programs, and funding. More importantly, you will receive **free online access to your participant results with state and national comparisons** to use for your own technology assessment needs, budgeting, planning, or evaluation, beginning February 2016!

There is simply no substitute for understanding the specific aspirations of your own students, parents and staff for improving the use of technology within teaching and learning. Now's the time, join your colleagues nationwide who are already using Speak Up data to inform school or district plans, policies, purchases and programs around digital learning.

Ready, Set, Speak Up! All schools are eligible to participate in Speak Up, all you have to do is encourage your students, educators, parents and the local community to go online and take the 20 minute survey at: www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2015 now through December 18th.

If you have any questions about Speak Up, please feel free to contact me at my information below. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Best,

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